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Re: Liquid Waste Regulation 20.3.7.904 NMAC – Notice of Non-enforcement

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as public notice that the New Mexico Environment Department (Department) has not yet fully developed a certification program for site evaluators, system designers, installers, wastewater reuse irrigators, or septage pumpers under the Liquid Waste Disposal and Treatment Regulations, Sections 20.3.7.904 NMAC. Until such a program is fully developed and in place, and interested persons have had an opportunity to obtain necessary certifications, the Department will not enforce, under 20.3.7.906, any certification requirements for site evaluators, system designers, installers, wastewater reuse irrigators, or septage pumpers.

Certification requirements continue to be in effect for inspectors, maintenance service providers and homeowners who self-install a system.

Installers are required to have a valid and appropriate classification of contractor's license issued by the New Mexico Construction Industries Division.

Inspectors of on-site liquid waste systems (20.7.3.7.I.(4) NMAC) are required to be certified by the National Association of Wastewater Transporters (NAWT), NSF International or a Department approved program in compliance with 20.7.3.904B(5) NMAC.

Maintenance Service Providers are required to comply with 20.7.3.903 NMAC and 20.7.3.904.B.(6) NMAC and be certified by the manufacturers of the systems they operate and maintain.

Homeowners who self-install are required to complete a training program offered by the Department and pass an exam prior to the issuance of a permit for the system.

Sincerely,

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